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FOR UNDERSECRETARY CHARLES ROBINSON

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SUBJECT: WEEKEND SEMINAR FOR SPANISH JOURNALISTS

1. THIS EMBASSY IS ORGANIZING A WEEKEND SEMINAR ON MAJOR ISSUES INVOLVING ATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND EAST WEST RELATIONS FOR 40 OF SPAIN'S LEADING POLITICAL, INTERNATIONAL AND ECONOMIC JOURNALISTS. SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT RESORT HOTEL IN ESCORIAL, 45 MINUTES FROM MADRID, WEEKEND MAY 7,8,9, PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO CONVEY U.S. POSITION ON SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF TIMELY INTEREST TO SPANISH OPINION LEADERS IN INFORMAL OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSIONS.

2. WE PLACE CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANT ON SEMINAR AT THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IN SPAIN'S EVOLUTION AND ARE AIMING FOR HIGHEST POSSIBLE USG REPRESENTATION. FOR THAT REASON, I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOU TO BE A PRINCIPAL SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR WITH THE KNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR HEAVY SCHEDULE ALLOWS LITTLE TIME FOR ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND.

3. IN THE EVENT YOU WOULD BE AVAILABLE, WE WOULD ASK YOU TO MAKE A TWO-HOUR APPEARANCE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE ON EITHER THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, MAY 8, OR MORNING OF SUNDAY MAY 9. THE SUBJECT WOULD BE THE WORLD ECONOMY COVERING MONETARY REFORM, TRADE PROBLEMS, RESOURCES SCARCITY AND THIRD AND FOURTH WORLD ISSUES. THE DURATION OF YOUR TALK WOULD BE 30 MINUTES FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF MAXIMUM 90 MINUTES. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION WILL

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BE PROVIDED.

4. YOUR ROUND TRIP AND PER DIEM EXPENSES WOULD BE PAID
BY EMBASSY WHICH HAS FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THE PROJECT.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AT YOU EARLISTS
CONVENIENCE REGARDING YOUR AVAILABILITY. I AM EXTENDING
INVITATIONS TO HAL SONNEFELDT AND ARTHUR HARTMAN TO DISCUSS
EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THE ATLANTIC COMMUNITY, RESPECTIVELY
AND SHALL ALSO INVITE A NUMBER NON OFFICIAL PARTICIPANTS
TO SPEAK ON OTHER SUBJECT. BEST REGARDS.
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